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SUBJECT: USICA LECTURER WEINSTEIN'S VISIT

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE EDITOR APPEARED IN THE DECEMBER 14 WASHINGTON POST. IT REFERS TO THE STEPHEN ROSENFELD COLUMNENTITLEDQUOTE (THIRDWORLD POLICY: BETTER BY HALF UNQUOTE IN THENOVEMBER 30 POST. WEINSTEIN'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: STEPHEN ROSENFELD MISSES HALF OF THE MARK. HE IS CORRECT IN STATING THAT THE THIRDWORLD IS OF GROWING ECONOMIC INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. BUT HE IS WRONG TO DISMISS THE POSITIVE IMPACT THATPRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY HAS HAD ON INDIVIDUALS AND LEADERS IN THIRDWORLD COUNTRIES.

AGREEMENT WITH AMERICA'S POSITION TOWARD [illegible]
THE SEIZURE OF HOSTAGES. AMERICAN AMBASSADORS HAVE FOUND LEADERS IN THESE STATESVERY WILLING TO ISSUE STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITEDSTATES. ON THE OTHER HAND, A

LARGE NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL PERSONS AND MEMBERS OF THE ELITE VOICED VERY STRONG SUPPORT FOR MR. CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND EVEN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S CHANCES FOR REELECTION.

4. THE U.S. PU[illegible]OR HUMAN RIGHTS IS BEARING FRUIT: SOME OF AFIRCA'S NASTIEST LEADERS ARE GONE AND THOSE WHO REMAIN ARE GIVING GREATER ATTENTION TO HOW THEY TREAT THEIR PEOPLE. WHERE THE SITUATION IS VERY BAD-AS IN ZAIRE, GUINEA OR TOGO-LOCAL OPINION IS CRYSTALLIZING AGAINST THE LEADERSHIP, AND THIS OPINION CONSIDERS AMERICA'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES AN ESSENTIAL SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND CONFORT. THE CRITICISM OF AMERICA THAT I HEARD EVEN FROM RADICAL STUDENTS IN ZAIRE WAS THAT AMERICA HAS NOT BEEN NOT (SIC) PUSHING ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES WITH ENOUGH VIGOR.

5. I BELIEVE THAT MR. ROSENFELD AND OTHERS SHOULD NOT BECOME BLINDED BY WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW IN IRAN. THEY SHOULD NOTE THA[illegible] IS NOT THE BUTT OF VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION[illegible] IRAN AND THE NEIGHBORING ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. AMERICA IS RECEIVING A SYMPATHETIC HEARING IN MOST CAPITALS. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM EXPERIENCES IN THE 1960S. IT POINTS UP THAT THE MORAL AS WELL AS THE

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ECONOMIC ARGUMENTS ARE EQUAL PARTS OF ANY REALPOLITIK POLICY TOWARD THE THIRDWORLD. WARREN WEINSTEIN. UNQUOTE.
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